Fulbright Workshop

Writers’ and Writing Groups: The Real Deal or Just Friends?

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Which forum, academic writers’ workshops or informal writing groups, can best serve aspiring writers? The academic workshop is led by an instructor, preferably a published writer; the writing group may not have a leader. Yet both are devoted to writers commenting on each others’ work-in-progress to make it better; with luck, the members will form a passionate community. Should these be composed of the same people? Follow the same processes? Have the same goals? Are these invaluable ports of call on the route to literary success? Or feel-good forums for literary self-indulgence? This workshop’s analysis may serve as a consumer’s guide, but because each venue is so variable, there may be no single best answer. Breakout sessions will enable development of participants’ specific workshop principles and guidelines.

Lynn Bloom is Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Emerita at the University of Connecticut, USA, where she held the Aetna Chair of Writing 1988-2015. She learned from great writing teachers: Dr. Seuss, fun; E.B. White, elegant simplicity; Benjamin Spock, precision: “If you don’t write clearly, someone could die,” he advised when she was writing Doctor Spock: Biography of a Conservative Radical. These precepts inform the heart, soul, and human voice of her work, 25+ books and nearly 200 articles, including The Seven Deadly Virtues, Writers Without Borders, Composition Studies in the 21st Century, and “The Essay Canon.” She has received numerous research awards, and has directed writing programs from Virginia to New Mexico. She is delighted to return to the University of Waikato for a second Fulbright.

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